



NJYRA 2015 SUNFISH CHAMPIONSHIP

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The USSA Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING (S)

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the main clubhouse.
- 2.2 There will be a skippers meeting as announced in the notice of race. Other skippers meetings may be scheduled as required.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before one hour prior to the scheduled first flag on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main clubhouse flag staff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of Racing – are posted in the notice of race.
- 5.2 There will be no predetermined number of races for this series. See instruction 17.2 and 17.3 for further clarifications.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with several sounds before a warning signal is made

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 No class flag shall be used, this modifies RRS 26, and is further described in section 11.

7. THE RACING AREA

- 7.1 The waters of the Great Egg Bay to the West of SBYC.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 A triangle course with a start finish line interposed between the windward and leeward mark shall be used.
 - 8.1.1 Any change to the course shall be announced at the skippers meeting

8.1.2 Competitors shall start, then complete two windward, two reach, and two leeward mark roundings before finishing up wind, unless otherwise announced from the Race Committee boat prior to the subsequent warning signal or at the skippers meeting.

8.2 No later than the preparatory signal the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the start line to the weather mark.

8.3 Gate rounding – no gate shall be used.

8.4 All marks left to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks size and color shall be **announced at the initial skipper's meeting.**

9.2 Change marks shall not be used.

9.3 The start and finish line shall be between an orange flag on a staff on the starboard end of the line on the race committee vessel, or an orange shape located on the port side of the race committee vessel, AND a round orange shape located on the port side of the line. Changes to the starting and finishing marks shall be **announced at the initial skipper's meeting.**

9.4 No change of course race committee boat shall be used. Section 12 shall not be applicable.

9.5 An orange circular barging buoy may be set behind the committee boat to warn skippers to keep clear of the committee boat. If set in this fashion a barging buoy is an extension of the committee boat and shall rank as an obstruction. Offset mark will be **not be used.**

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Start line obstruction: The start line shall rank as an obstruction – unless vessels are starting or finishing, unless otherwise announced at the skippers meeting.

10.2 Finish Line Obstruction: The finish line shall rank as an obstruction. Boats may not pass through this line unless finishing.

11. THE START

11.1 A three minute dingy start will be used, this modifies RRS 26.

11.1.1 Three minutes – three long blasts – start of warning period

11.1.2 Two minutes – two long blasts – start of preparatory period

11.1.3 One minute and thirty seconds – one long blast, and three short blasts

11.1.4 One minute – one long blast

11.1.5 Thirty Seconds – three short blasts

11.1.6 Twenty Seconds – two short blasts

11.1.7 10 Seconds – one short blast

11.1.8 5 seconds – countdown to start, short blast at 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 second.

11.1.9 Start – one long blast

11.2 The starting line will be between orange flags, shapes or buoys as described in instruction 9.3.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 Once the preparatory period has begun no changes to the course (including the start and finish line) shall be made unless the race is abandoned.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between orange flags, shapes or buoys as described in instruction 9.3.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed for all classes to one 360 degree turn that includes one tack and one gybe.

15. TIME LIMIT

15.1 If no boat has passed the initial weather mark within 30 minutes the race **may** be abandoned.

15.2 FINISHING ON THE WATER: When approximately half of the boats in a race have rounded the last mark, the Race Committee may finish the balance of the boats at the last mark or on the course. The Race Committee determines the method of finishing and finish position awarded. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

15.3 RETIREMENT: A vessel that retires from a race shall notify an official Race Committee boat or support craft before leaving the race area. If that is not possible, then immediately after arriving ashore, the competitor shall notify an official regatta representative.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the registration desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.2 **For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee boat returns to harbor and signals its return with one signal blast.** The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2. Additionally, all vessels protesting or requesting redress shall make every attempt to notify race committee on the water after the end of the race during which the protests occurred.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the SBYC Office beginning as soon as practical.

16.4 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 If five races have been completed one race may be thrown out at the end of the series as described in the Sailing Instructions.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2** Prior to starting the first race of the day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall pass by the stern of the race committee signal boat, hail its sail number and receive an acknowledgement from the Race Committee. Boats that fail to comply shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.
- 18.3** It is the sole responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race. The Race Committee attempts to account for all boats in the starting area. A boat must notify the Race Committee or SBYC management if it withdraws from a race or departs early from the racing area. The Race Committee monitors channel 69.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed during a race.
- 19.2** Substitution of sails will not be allowed during a race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1** Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions or cell phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

23. PRIZES

- 23.1** Prizes shall be announced at the end of racing or as announced at the skippers meeting.
- 23.2** Awards shall be given at the annual NJYRA dinner in January the following year.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 24.1** Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk, See Rule 4 of the RRS, Decision to Race. The organizing authority (including but not limited to Spray Beach Yacht Club, North Jersey Yacht Racing Association, the organizers of this regatta, and the volunteers, agents, representatives, and employees of Spray Beach Yacht Club, or any sponsors of this regatta) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta, however caused, arising out of or in conjunction with participation in the regatta, notwithstanding that same may have been caused, or contributed to by the negligence of staff, volunteers, agents, representatives, and organizers of the regatta. By participating in this regatta participants individually each agree that this disclaimer of liability shall apply to the individual participants, their heirs, executors and assignees. SAILING AND

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25. INSURANCE

25.1 Each participation boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

25.2 Documentation of insurance shall be provided prior to starting the first race of the series.

26. SPECIAL NOTES

26.1 Race committee support boats shall rank as obstructions.

26.2 On the water, no questions may be answered by the race committee.

26.3 Any boat receiving 'hands on' assistance from rescue/mark boats will be scored Did Not Finish. The race committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

26.4 SPORTSMANSHIP: The race committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

GENERAL

If wind, wave, or water conditions make you doubtful of your ability to handle the conditions, please retire from the race.